

ISMAPNG Integral Ecology Leadership

Dancing with Disruption and Redesigning for Life

June-December 2026



BACKGROUND

At this time in history, we see an urgent need for community leaders, skilled in integral ecology, to remain steady in times of disruption. Those who recognise what's needed around us, in our unique places and unexpected circumstances, and to do what is ours to do in service of life.

OUR AIMS

This leadership course will provide extra support and opportunities to grow in the field of Integral Ecology for up to 9 people.

These are people who have demonstrated leadership in the field, based on their experience, ongoing initiative and commitment to this work in their own bioregions.

APPLICATIONS

Please write to Sally at integralecology@ismapng.org.au by **Monday 16 March 2026**. Please include:

- A cover letter stating your reasons for wishing to be part of this program, based on local community's needs and the stated aims of the program
- Your C.V.
- Contact details of two relevant referees.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

Two compulsory gatherings of three days each in the second half of 2026 at Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay (meals and accommodation provided) 3-6 July and 18-21 September 2026.

A set of monthly learning resources sent out by email equating to 4 hours engagement per month.

Monthly zoom meetings to discuss the learning resources and reflections.

Daily practice of meditation/contemplation.

A weekly focus, early morning on Zoom, of *Warrior Training for the Human Spirit* from September to November.

The program content will be inspired by the latest thinking in responding to the needs of the times in the communities we are part of, including:

An introduction to permaculture (practical bioregioning skills, design for resilience, disaster and regeneration of landscapes)

Incarnational theology (Elizabeth Johnson, Denis Edwards, Ilia Delio, John Haught, Papal teachings, Mystics, Celtic tradition, Franciscan tradition)

Cosmological worldview (Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme)

Deep Ecology, The Work that Reconnects (Joanna Macy)

The work of grief (Francis Weller, Meg Wheatley)

Facilitation skills and practical leadership training